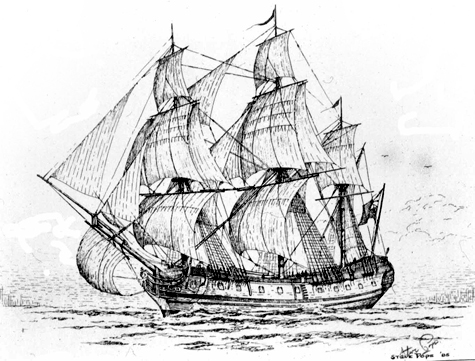
**EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF SLAVE SHIP**

“The slaves, male and female, are crowded into the *middle* passage*,”* says Sir George Collier, who lately commanded a squadron on the coast of Africa, “so as not to give the power to move, and are linked to one another by the legs or neck, never to be unfettered while the voyage lasts, or till their iron shall have fretted the flesh almost to the bone; forced under a deck, as I have seen them, not *thirty inches in height*, breathing an atmosphere the most *putrid*, with little food and less water. In this *loathsome prison,* *thousands* die in the *ravings* of *despair,* and many when let out to breath the *balmy air*, rather than return to their dungeons, plunge themselves into the ocean to sleep among its pearls and corals.”

~ Massachusetts Colonization Society. *American Colonization Society and the Colony* *of Liberia*. Boston: Perkins and Marvin, 1832. http://www.archive.org/stream/ americanliber00mass#page/n5/mode/2up (accessed June 9, 2010), p. 13



This ship sketch is not of the one mentioned above, but it is a slave ship used in the USA. Known as the Whydah Galley, this was a slave ship that was captured by pirates but sank shortly thereafter during a storm off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1717.   
For more information, see North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources   
 <http://news.ncdcr.gov/2009/05/18/nautical-archaeologist-of-pirate-ship-whydah-galley-presents-program/>